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Mr. Vernon A. Williams, Esq.
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423

Re: STB Ex Parte No. 670,
Establishment of Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Council

Dear Secretary Williams.

As a member of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, I strongly support the nomination of C. Joseph Hopf, President of PPL EnergyPlus, LLC, to the Surface Transportation Board's (STB) Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Council (RETAC). Mr. Hopf's experience, coupled with PPL's extensive involvement in rail energy regulatory issues, make him an ideal candidate to represent electric utilities on this panel.

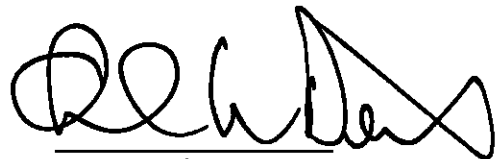
Rail policy is of great concern to many residents of my District, who rely on the energy produced by PPL to heat and light their homes and businesses. The successful delivery of this power hinges on the reliable and reasonably priced movement of coal to generating stations owned or operated by companies like PPL.

Mr. Hopf has more than 25 years experience working in the electricity industry, including positions at PSI Energy in Indiana, Cinergy, Ameren and now PPL EnergyPlus. In addition to his robust experience in electricity generation from coal-fired, rail-served generating stations, Mr. Hopf has a strong knowledge of power marketing, having developed Goldman Sachs' 24-hour energy trading operation. His current responsibilities at PPL EnergyPlus include marketing power generated at the company's numerous facilities across the United States.

I believe the interests of the Surface Transportation Board and the American public would be exceptionally well served by the selection of PPL EnergyPlus President C. Joseph Hopf as an RETAC member.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,



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